

Work Group Meeting Abstracts – May/June 2003

Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group – May 19, 2003

- Discussed grazing lease issue and agreed to further discussions on current leases near the Diversion Pool within the Project Area.
- Received status updates on all studies and discussed review and comment process for interim and draft reports.
- Reviewed progress on Fuel Load Management study (SP-L5) and confirmed draft should be available by June meeting. DPR raised liability questions for State Parks' lands.
- Discussed process and framework for development of PM&Es. Agreed that cross resource task forces or joint work group meetings are desirable to discuss potential conflicts and opportunities.
- Agreed that issues contained in Issue Tracker would be condensed into potential resource actions and populate a matrix with 'chart toppers' being used by other work groups.
- Revisited BLM land transfer issue and agreed that higher-level discussions between DWR and DPR need to occur.
- The next Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting: Monday, June 23, 2003, 6 pm – 10 pm, Location to be determined.

Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group – June 23, 2003

- Fuel Load Management draft final report will be available for discussion at July LUWG meeting.
- Discussed grazing lease in the Project Area adjacent to the Diversion Pool, and DWR agreed to coordinate separately with DPR and report back to the LUWG in July.
- Land use mapping is 90% complete; use and ownership draft maps will next be reviewed for accuracy by appropriate agencies.
- Discussed goals of potential resource actions draft matrix and revised column headings.
- The next Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting: Monday, July 28, 2003, 10 am – 1 pm, Sacramento with videoconference available from Oroville.

Environmental Work Group – May 21, 2003

- Updated on modeling workshop scheduled for June 24 to introduce operations modeling tools and look at benchmark scenario model runs. Another workshop to be held later in the fall will evaluate model run data and consider additional scenario runs that might be needed to aid in decision making.
- Received update on Fisheries and Terrestrial task forces progress in matrix information development.
- The EWG identified their top priority resource actions to be further developed by consulting team.
- Received presentation of fish passage proposed resource action from NOAA Fisheries.
- Received implementation updates on SP-T2, SP-T7, SP-F10, SP-F3.2, SP-W5, SP-F8, and SP-W2.
- Received draft participant rosters to be completed with the identification of participant's primary decision maker and contact information.
- The next Environmental Work Group meeting: Wednesday, June 25, 2003, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Oroville Field Division.

Environmental Work Group – June 25, 2003

- Received and discussed presentation by USFWS describing proposed Functional Analysis Workshop to address the Thermalito Afterbay temperature issue.
- Received update on Fisheries Task Force progress in matrix information development.
- Reviewed PM&E Development and Evaluation Flow Chart and discussed classifications.
- Reviewed revised matrix with expanded prioritized resource actions and newly developed functional matrix with greater detail and specificity sufficient to allow preliminary analysis.
- Reviewed draft Level 1 Narrative reports designed to provide information directly to the environmental document and include information on specific design considerations.
- Received updates on study methodology for SP-T2 and SP-T7 and implementation updates on SP-F3.1, SP-F3.2, SP-F10, SP-T4, and SP-F15.
- Discussed revised Draft Resource Action Matrix and added columns. Suggested that goal narrative be organized by the same headings.
- Discussed Draft Attribute Table.
- Scheduled additional task force meetings for Fisheries (July 8 and July 22) and Terrestrial (July 9) to focus on technical aspects of specific resource actions.
- The next Environmental Work Group meeting: Wednesday, July 30, 2003, 9 am – 4 pm, Oroville Field Division.

Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group – May 22, 2003

- Received update on Interim Projects.
- Updated on modeling workshop scheduled for June 24 to introduce operations modeling tools and look at benchmark scenario model runs. Another workshop to be held later in the fall will evaluate model run data and consider additional scenario runs that might be needed to aid in decision making.
- Reviewed Economic Background Report and received status and progress report from the Technical Review Team (TRT).
- Reviewed goal of resource action development and information needed for the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA).
- Discussed development of potential resource actions.
- Received draft participant rosters to be completed with the identification of participant's primary decision maker and contact information.
- Next Work Group meeting: Thursday, June 26, 2003, 6 pm – 10 pm, Location to be determined.

Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group – June 26, 2003

- Discussed how proposed resources actions might be evaluated, analyzed and tracked.
- Received update on status and progress of TRT on socioeconomics studies.
- Introduced to recreation visitation model development and updated on property value analysis.
- Reviewed revised resource action matrix and discussed various methods to sort the list for evaluation.
- Continued discussion of PDEA development.
- Discussed development of trails task force to consolidate trails resource actions.
- Next Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group meeting: Thursday, July 31, 2003, 6 pm – 10 pm, Location to be determined.

Engineering and Operations Work Group – May 30, 2003

- Updated on modeling workshop scheduled for June 24 to introduce operations modeling tools and look at benchmark scenario model runs. Confirmed this workshop will cover only operations models.
- Received update on the development of potential model scenarios described as sensitivity runs; discussed the role of proposed resource actions in determining model scenarios.
- DWR confirmed intention to use 2030 future conditions consistent with Bulletin 160 process.
- Discussed future coordination meetings with multiple work groups to determine additional modeling needs.
- Discussed intensive workshop to be held later in the fall to evaluate model run data and consider additional scenario runs that might be needed to aid in decision making.
- Received update on preliminary proposed resource actions under development by the Environmental Work Group.
- Next Engineering and Operations Work Group meeting: June 27, 2003, 9 – 11 am, Video and teleconference between Joint Operations Center and Oroville Field Division.

Engineering and Operations Work Group – June 27, 2003

- Benchmark studies will not be completed by August 12 modeling workshop; however, representative scenarios should be ready for preliminary comparative analysis process discussion.
- Received de-brief on June 24 modeling workshop.
- DWR will develop matrix for E&OWG similar to those under development in other Work Groups.
- Next Engineering and Operations Work Group meeting: August 1, 2003, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, OFD with teleconference capabilities.

Cultural Resources Work Group – June 17, 2003

- Received overview of current status of the inventory including prehistoric and ethnographic efforts.
- Received detailed presentation on the proposed evaluation of historic-era sites.
- Received update from Maidu Advisory Council regarding their interest in developing potential resource actions separate from the CRWG.
- Reviewed Resource Action Worksheet, Cultural Resource Goals and Resource Actions.
- Reviewed draft resource actions (on completed forms) and assigned development of additional actions to participants.
- Next Cultural Resources Work Group meeting: July 22, 2003, 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Mooretown Rancheria.